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have on our books right now as violating the First and Fourteenth Amendment. This is simply a clarifying amendment to the constitution, and all we are doing in the constitution, as we have proposed in the last LR 20CA, was to delete the private, denominational and parochial schools. It does state that the English language is declared to be the official language and all official proceedings, records and publications shall be in such language, and such language shall be used in the public schools. It was felt that the reason we're deleting that is that we cannot interfere with parental wishes expressed in private or parochial school settings. I hope that this clarifies the point that we have just changed the ballot language. We've also changed that which you passed, the amendment to change it from the primary to the general election. With that, I ask for your support.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. The question is the advancement of LR 1CA to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. A record vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 367.) 35 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LR 1CA.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 71, introduced by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. LB 71 deals with a city manager form of city government. This applies to roughly ten communities in the state of Nebraska. I have passed around a handout which lists those cities using a city manager form of government, and also a little background if you're interested in the difference between a city manager plan of government and a regular mayor/council